

DID YOU KNOW?

You can save even more money when you conserve energy and water. Riverside Public Utilities has a number of incentive and rebate programs for our residential and business customers. Here are a few examples for residential customers:

Cool Cash – Offers customer rebates for replacing older, inefficient central air conditioners for new, energy-efficient units.

Cool Returns – Provides a free pick up service for recycling older operating refrigerators.

High Efficiency Clothes Washer (HECW) Rebates – Credits \$30-\$105 towards purchases of a new water-saving and energy-saving HECW.

ENERGY STAR® – Offers rebates up to \$100 for purchasing a variety of energy-efficient appliances with an ENERGY STAR® electricity rating.

Pool Saver – Provides pool owners with a billing credit of \$5 per month for operating their pool pump during off-peak hours.

Tree Power – Supplies rebates of \$25 per tree for customers who plant selected shade trees around their home.

Ultra Low-Flush Toilet Rebate – Provides rebates up to \$55 per toilet for the installation of Ultra Low-Flush Toilets (ULFT).

Weatherization Incentive Rebate – Offers significant rebates for weatherization measures.



For more information about water and energy-saving programs for residents and businesses, visit www.riversidepublicutilities.com or call 826-5485.



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Quick tips to save

Water

1. **TAKE** shorter showers. Two or three minutes less saves 9-12 gallons of water.
2. **TAKE** baths. A partly filled tub uses less water than all but the shortest showers.
3. **TURN** off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving.
4. **USE** a broom or blower instead of a garden hose to clean sidewalks and driveways.
5. **USE** a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse to wash the car. Make sure the hose has a shut-off nozzle.
6. **PLANT** native or water-saving plants and trees. Use mulch around plants to hold water. Water your lawns early mornings or late evenings.
7. **FIX** leaky faucets and pipes as soon as possible.
8. **WASH** only full loads in washing machines and dishwashers.
9. **KEEP** water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run to cool the water.
10. **USE** a wastebasket for trash, not the toilet. It will conserve water.

Energy

1. **SET** thermostat to 78° on hot days. On days over 100°, set it to 84°. Use room fans to feel even cooler.
2. **REPLACE** or clean air conditioning filters monthly or as needed.
3. **SHADE** your air conditioning condenser. But be careful not to block the free flow of air to the unit.
4. **PLANT** deciduous shrubs and trees to shade your house. Their leaves will shade your home in the summer, then drop off to let the winter sun warm your home.
5. **DUST** refrigerator and freezer coils at least once a year.
6. **USE** heat producing appliances like dishwashers, clothes dryers, and irons in the morning or after 8 p.m.
7. **KEEP** drapes, blinds and shades closed to keep the sun's rays out of your home in warm weather.
8. **REPLACE** weather stripping and caulking, if needed.
9. **PATCH** leaks in attics and fireplaces to keep cool air in and warm air out in the summer.
10. **SET** swimming pool filtering and sweeping equipment timers to avoid peak use hours from noon to 8 p.m.